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EL 1061 / 1065 - ENGLISH FOR ESSENTIAL WRITING

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Max. : 100 Marks

I. Rewrite as directed:

1. Choose the correct answer

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- a) Don't prevent him _____ going to school (in / from)
b) Whale is _____ than elephant (larger / largest)
c) Dani Presanth is a friend of _____ (me / mine)

2. Change the statement into a question:

1

He loves her

3. Write two interrogative sentences using the following words

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- a) When b) How

4. Join the sentences using the word 'though':

1

Sajan is a very poor man. He helps others.

5. Combine the following sentences by using the right relative pronoun.

1

Kalaiarasan is a simple man. He hates luxurious life (whom / who)

6. Fill in the blanks with articles:

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- a) Gopal is _____ best singer.
b) Calcutta is _____ very crowded city.
c) I have _____ idea to visit _____ European countries.

7. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions.

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- a) The train will arrive _____ platform No. 6 (in / at)
b) I congratulated Naveen _____ his success (for / on)
c) Don't watch this useless programme _____ the T.V. (in / on)
d) My uncle travelled _____ ship (at/ on)

8. Give opposites for the underlined words.

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- a) The river is deep.
b) It is a wide road.
c) All these flowers are natural.

II. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

5X3=15

a) Once upon a time, on a far away island, there lived a little princess. Her name was Princess Easter. She was named Easter because she was born on Easter Day. Princess Easter loved the spring. She was so excited when the flowers began to bloom. She liked watching the baby birds hatch and learn to fly. The beautiful butterflies always made her smile. Of course, the thing she loved most about the spring was Easter. Princess Easter worked very hard every year to get ready for Easter. There was an Easter party at the castle on Easter Day. Everyone on the island would come to the castle to spend the day celebrating Princess Easter's birthday. They would have an Easter Egg hunt and a birthday party for Princess Easter.

One year, Princess Easter went to see the royal chickens to make sure they were laying eggs for the egg hunt. She was surprised to see that all of the royal chickens had been stolen from the chicken coop.

Princess Easter was very upset. She ran all the way back to the castle to tell her father, King Lewis. King Lewis called his royal army. The royal army went all over the island, but they could not find the royal chickens. Princess Easter sat on her mother's lap and cried. The royal chickens had been taken from the island and could not be found. King Lewis sent out his royal army again, to tell all the people living on the island about the problem.

A young boy that lived on the island told the royal army to take his three chickens to Princess Easter. The royal army did not think that this would help, but they took the three chickens back to the castle, anyway. Princess Easter wanted thousands of eggs, enough to feed everyone on the island. She usually needed all of her one hundred chickens to lay the eggs for the egg hunt. Still, Princess Easter was very happy to see the three chickens. At least there would be some eggs. Princess Easter took the chickens to the chicken coop. The next morning, Princess Easter went out to the chicken coop. There were one thousand eggs in the chicken coop! Princess Easter ran all the way back to the castle to get help to bring all the eggs to the kitchen. Princess Easter and the cooks boiled and dyed all of the eggs for the egg hunt. The young boy who had shared his magical chickens was the guest of honor on Easter Day at the castle. Princess Easter and the young boy had a wonderful Easter Day. They would be friends forever.

1. Who solved the problem of Princess Easter and how did he solve?
2. Why did the royal army think that the three chickens would not help Princess Easter?
3. Describe the season of spring from the passage above.
4. What was special about the three chickens?
5. What did Princess Easter do as the royal army could not find the royal chickens?

b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

5X 3=15

A king put his court to a test for an important post. Powerful and wise men stood around him in great numbers. "You wise men", said the king, "I have a problem, and I want to see who of you is in a position to solve it". He led the men to a huge door, bigger than anyone had ever seen. The king explained, "Here you see the biggest and heaviest door in my kingdom. Who among you can open it?"

Some of the courtiers just shook their heads. Others, who were counted among the wise men, looked at the door more closely, but admitted they couldn't do it. When the wise men had said this, the rest of the court agreed that this problem was too hard to solve. Only one vizier went up to the door. He checked it with his eyes and fingers, tried many ways to move it and finally pulled on it with a hefty tug. And the door opened. It had just been left ajar, not completely shut, and nothing more had been needed but the willingness to realize it and the courage to act boldly. The king spoke. "You will get the position at the court, for you don't rely just on what you see or hear; you put your own powers into action and risk a test"

1. Why did the king want to test his court?
2. What was the response of some of the courtiers?
3. Are you a wise student? How do you say?
4. Comment on the statement: 'Don't rely just on what you see or hear; put your own powers into action'
5. Have you taken a risk in your life? Explain.

III. Rewrite the Jumbled sentences in a proper sequence:

5X 1=5

1. One day Jesus was walking in a street.
2. A woman came running to him for help.
3. A crowd was chasing her with stones.
4. Jesus stopped the crowd and asked why they were trying to stone her to death.

5. They answered, “She is an immoral woman. She a great sinner. She shouldn’t be allowed to live.
6. “If you have decided to kill a sinner” Jesus said, “let the one among you who has not committed any sin throw the first stone”.
7. All the people in the crowd were shocked into silence
8. No one could throw a stone as everyone in the crowd was a sinner.
9. They all left the place in shame.
10. The woman fell at the feet of Jesus, sobbed and asked for forgiveness.

IV. Rectify the errors and rewrite the sentences:

5X 1=5

1. One of the boys are chosen for the award.
2. The children has gone to school.
3. Though Joseph is intelligent but he is very lazy.
4. Sun rise in the East.
5. The sky is on me.

V. Answer any ONE of the following in about 250 words:

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1. What is human right? How to end the violation of human right?
2. How does education give people genuine freedom?
3. ‘Money is not everything’. Write an essay with reference to ‘A perspective’
4. What should you do to speak fluently in English?

VI. Comment on this picture relating it to ‘Poverty Auction’

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(For visually challenged students only) What is your opinion about the exploitation of the poor in our country?

VII. Write any ONE of the following in about 200 words:

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1. The Lord said to Narada, “That bowl so absorbed your attention that you forgot me altogether”: **What is prayer** according to you? **Write a prayer** for the prayer session before the commencement of the classes in our college praying for the needs of all.
2. Argue that **the best place in the world is your village/home town** using as many **prepositions** as possible as you describe your native.
